

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 11, 13, and 15 – 24 are in the application. Claims 1, 18, 23, and 24 are currently amended; claims 16 and 19 – 22 were previously presented; claims 12 is canceled; and claims 2 – 11, 13, 15, and 17 remain unchanged from the original versions thereof. Claims 1, 18, 23, and 24 are the independent claims herein.

Support for the claim amendments submitted herewith is provided by the Specification at paragraph [0029] and the previously presented claim 14 (now canceled with similar aspects included in claims 1, 18, 23, and 24. Thus, no new matter has been added to the application as a result of the amendments submitted herewith.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 – 11 and 13 – 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lewis U.S. Publication No. 2003/0110212 A1. This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 relates to receiving a request from an application to provide an outgoing message to a destination address, the request including data indicative of a message, the destination address, and an outgoing message type, wherein the data indicative of a message, the destination address, and the outgoing message type are not all received in the same request at a same time; converting the message to the outgoing message in a format compatible with the outgoing message type, the outgoing message format being a different format than the message; sending the outgoing message to the destination address; and providing, in reply to the request, a response to the application indicative of a success of the sending of the outgoing message to the destination address. Thus, it is clear that the claimed data indicative of a message, the destination address, and the outgoing message type are not all received in the same request at a

same time. This claimed aspect of the claims is supported by the Specification at paragraph [0029], as well as the previous version of claim 14 (now canceled).

Since the rejection of the previous claim 14 was based on the disclosure of Lewis at paragraph [0107], Applicant's remarks regarding the currently amended claim 1 will address the disclosure provided by Lewis at paragraph [0107]. In particular, Applicant notes that Lewis does not state, disclose, or even suggest that the various data of an incoming message "are not all received in the same request at a same time", as claimed by Applicant. To the contrary, Lewis explicitly discloses that an incoming message is parsed "to receive an originating address and a destination address from the incoming message". (emphasis added) (Lewis, paragraph [0107]) Thus, it is clear that Lewis is silent regarding the claimed aspect(s) of "data indicative of a message, the destination address, and the outgoing message type are not all received in the same request at a same time". Lewis however specifically states that the "originating address and a destination address "are retrieved from the incoming message".

Additionally, Lewis does not even suggest or appear to consider a method and system wherein "data indicative of a message, the destination address, and the outgoing message type are not all received in the same request at a same time".

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by Lewis. Additionally it is respectfully submitted that claims 18, 23, and 24 are worded, in relevant part, similar to claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 18, 23, and 24 are also not anticipate by Lewis. Furthermore, claims 2 – 11, 13, and 15 – 17 depend from claim 1 and claims 19 – 22 depend from claim 18. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 – 11 and 13 – 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), and the allowance of same.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-5985.

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